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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Examiner:

For: CHAT SYSTEM, TERMINAL DEVICE THEREFOR, DISPLAY METHOD OF CHAT SYSTEM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the following claims in accordance with the following:

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37. (ONCE AMENDED) The terminal device used in a chat system as set forth in claim 36, wherein the processor is further capable of storing the URL included in the displayed conversations together with statements of a predetermined number of lines preceding and following the URL, and when a predetermined instruction is issued, a selected URL is listed together with the statement.

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39. (ONCE AMENDED) The terminal device used in a chat system as set forth in claim 38, wherein the keyword is a character string indicating a name of a terminal user.

40. (ONCE AMENDED) The terminal device used in a chat system as set forth in claim 38, wherein the processor is further capable of performing the following operations of:
storing the keyword as a character string indicating a name of a user; and
displaying an emphasized character string when the stored character string appears in the conversations displayed in the display screen.